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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Mario Mancuso  
Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security

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**FROM:** Judith J. Gordon  
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**SUBJECT:** FISMA Evaluation of the Bureau of Industry and Security's  
IT Infrastructure System (BIS002)

As part of our work under the Federal Information Security Management Act, we are initiating an evaluation of BIS' certification and accreditation (C&A) of BIS002, with a specific focus on continuous monitoring of security controls as part of the C&A process.

Our objectives are to determine whether as a result of continuous monitoring, (1) the authorizing official is kept sufficiently informed about the operational status and effectiveness of security controls; and (2) the agency promptly mitigates any identified control deficiencies. We also will assess whether BIS has resolved the C&A deficiencies we identified in our FY 2006 FISMA evaluation.

As a first step in our evaluation, we will be contacting your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. In the meantime, if you have any questions about this review, please contact me at (202) 482-5643 or Allen Crawley, Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Systems Evaluation, at (202) 482-1855.

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